Joint Petition of Boston Edison Company, Cambridge Electric Light Company, and Commonwealth Electric Company d/b/a NSTAR Electric for approval by the Department of Telecommunications and Energy of its 2003 Energy Efficiency Plan.

NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

On April 30, 2003, Boston Edison Company, Cambridge Electric Light Company, and Commonwealth Electric Company d/b/a NSTAR Electric ("Company") filed with the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") its 2003 Energy Efficiency Plan ("Plan"). The Plan was filed pursuant to G.L. c. 25, § 19, G.L. c. 25A, § 11G, NSTAR Electric, D.T.E. 00-63 (2001), and Order Promulgating Final Guidelines to Evaluate and Approve Energy Efficiency Programs, D.T.E. 98-100 (2000) ("Guidelines"). The Plan includes programs for residential customers, including a program for low-income customers, and for commercial and industrial customers. The Company's filing proposes budgets for these initiatives for 2003. The Division of Energy Resources ("DOER"), pursuant to G.L. c. 25A, § 11G and the Guidelines at § 6.2, has reviewed the Plan and has filed a report with the Department and the Companies ("DOER Report"). The Department will investigate whether the Plan is consistent with G.L. c. 25, § 19, G.L. c. 25A § 11G, and the Guidelines.

A copy of the Company's filing and DOER Report are on file at the Department's offices, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts for public view during business hours. Copies are also on file for public view at NSTAR Electric, One NSTAR Way, Westwood, MA 02090-9230. Any person desiring further information regarding the Company's filing and DOER Report should contact counsel for the Company, Andrew O. Kaplan, Esq., at (617) 951-1400. Any person desiring further information regarding this notice should contact Jody M. Stiefel, Hearing Officer, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, at (617) 305-3500.

Any persons wishing to submit written comments on the Company's filing and the DOER Report should file an original and four (4) copies of comments with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary to the Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110, not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Wednesday**, **July 29, 2003**. One copy must also be sent to Andrew O. Kaplan, Esq., Keegan, Werlin, & Pabian, LLP, 21 Custom House Street, Boston, MA 02110-3525.

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(1) by e-mail attachment to dte.efiling@state.ma.us; or (2) on a 3.5" disk, IBM-compatible format. The text of the e-mail or the disk label must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding [D.T.E. 03-48], (2) name of the person or company submitting the filing, and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. The electronic filing should also include the name, title, and phone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. Text responses should be written in either Word Perfect (naming the document with a ".wpd" suffix), in Microsoft Word (naming the document with a ".doc" suffix) or as an Adobe PDF file (naming the document with a ".pdf" suffix). Data or spreadsheet responses should be compatible with Microsoft Excel. All comments submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's web site: http://www.mass.gov/dpu.